National Urban Transport Policy

778. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to formulate a new people-centric National Urban Transport Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Government's action plan under this project to address road safety, trauma response and associating the public sector in this task;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to encourage each city with a population of over four million to plan for mass rapid transit system; and

(e) whether it is a also a fact that Government had decided to extend 60 percent Central assistance for preparing detailed project report and financial support as soon as the projects are approved?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The Government has proposed a National Urban Transport Policy which, inter alia, recommends that priority be accorded to public transport and non-motorized transport. It also recommends integrated land use and transport planning. It offers Central Government's financial support through equity participation/viability gap funding for mass transit systems in large cities.

The policy also proposes segregated tracks for bicycles and pedestrians, which would go a long way in addressing issues of road safety.

The Government is currently extending suport to the extent of 40% of the cost for Detailed Project Reports and Traffic and Transportation studies.

Land allotment to educational institutions

779. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the audit report relating to the allotment of Nazul lands by the Delhi Development Authority to the educational institutions during

1990-91 to 2003-04 has revealed some serious irregularities as pointed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Audit Report for the year ending March 31, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any action is proposed against the officer (s) responsible for such irregular allotment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in its Report No. 4 of 2005 (Civil) has made certain observations regarding deficiencies in allotment of land by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), non-enforcement of terms of allotment of land relating to freeship to weaker sections of society, non-construction within the specified time and other related matters.

(c) and (d) DDA has reported that it has taken up examination of the observation made by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in its report and officers found responsible for any specific lapses shall be liable for action as per rules.

Wastage of water

†780. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of water is flowing without being used and goes waste due to leakage in the system of distribution of water under Delhi Jal Board;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the percentage of water estimated to be wasted as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that its distribution network comprises of 9000 Kms. of length. Some of the pipes

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